



Magnuson Park Wetland, Habitat and Athletic Field Development Project

PROJECT ADVISORY TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, September 20, 2005 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Magnuson Park Building #30 Conference Room

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Attendance:

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Meeting Summary

1. Welcome: Jon Jainga welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Community comments: None

3. Meeting summary revision: August 16, 2005

Matt added the following revision to his comment; Matt presented his proposal regarding the water flow and recommendations, *field layout to avoid wetland impact*. Matt stated the Parks need to give clear directions to both groups and consultants regarding user groups, i.e., “Men’s Baseball”. City can’t maintain fields they have right now, why build *two more fields? Focus on one field vs. two more fields for the long turn success*.

Tom added the following revision to his comment; Tom noted; not worst off on parking demand, *then condition after Phase 3*.

Tom’s added comments; one is:

In the design concepts presented the amount of material excavated on site for wetlands and drainage would not be enough to meet all needs for fill or field bases. Therefore clean fill material would need to be brought into the park from elsewhere (some source sites may have been mentioned). It was said that would not create problems in disposing of additional material that would be excavated if phase 3 proceeded as designed because extra material then could be disposed of by simply making playfields higher. (I don't think anyone mentioned precise volumes of material, but it did seem that in phase 2 as presently designed there would be quite a shortage without the off site material)

And the second bullet point is:

I suggested having decision makers come to the PAT to discuss removing the present parking lot near the sports meadow and the road to that parking lot should be on the next agenda. That suggestion was based on that fact that it would have a higher ratio of benefits to costs than many or most other elements of the project and also on the desire to have the best possible product for the long term at the end of phase 2 (considering all the uncertainties of phase 3).

At past meetings some have suggested that the cost for that parking lot and road removal would only be about \$100K. Even at several times that cost the benefit to cost ratio would remain quite high.

3. Site Design Layout /workshop– continues with Guy Michaelson from The Berger Partnership

Guy Michaelson present the revised site layout to the group. Some of the revisions included shifts to Field #6 and Field #9, and Field #8 moving 20' to the north. The revised layout allows for a wetlands connection, north of 65th and links to the wetland area to the south east. The group supports the revised site layout. TBP will be moving forward with the revised site layout.

Attached is a PDF of the typical trail sections, developed in the 02 Master plan.

Included in this is the section of 65th specifically requested by Warren Perkins. ~~It is on the top of the sheet, and while I cut off the top of the trees, I think this is adequate to get our intent. Remember, though part of the master plan, 65th is not proposed to be re-developed as part of this phase of work, but this phase is designed to still allow it to~~ and could occur at a later time.

Following the meeting a few of us took the time to "walk the loop" around the new sports meadow. It was inspiring, a beautiful fall evening, the grass starting to grow, new trees and shrubs planted, and looking South across the meadow, the trees beyond the sports meadow (which will remain) and Mt. Rainer beyond! The other major plus off the sports meadow is the surrounding path, it is a great loop, which combined with the existing and phase 2 improvements to the cross park trail, and the existing trail on the north side of Kite Hill will make a great loop within the park! The meadow is a great addition to the park and it is great to see it so beautifully executed.

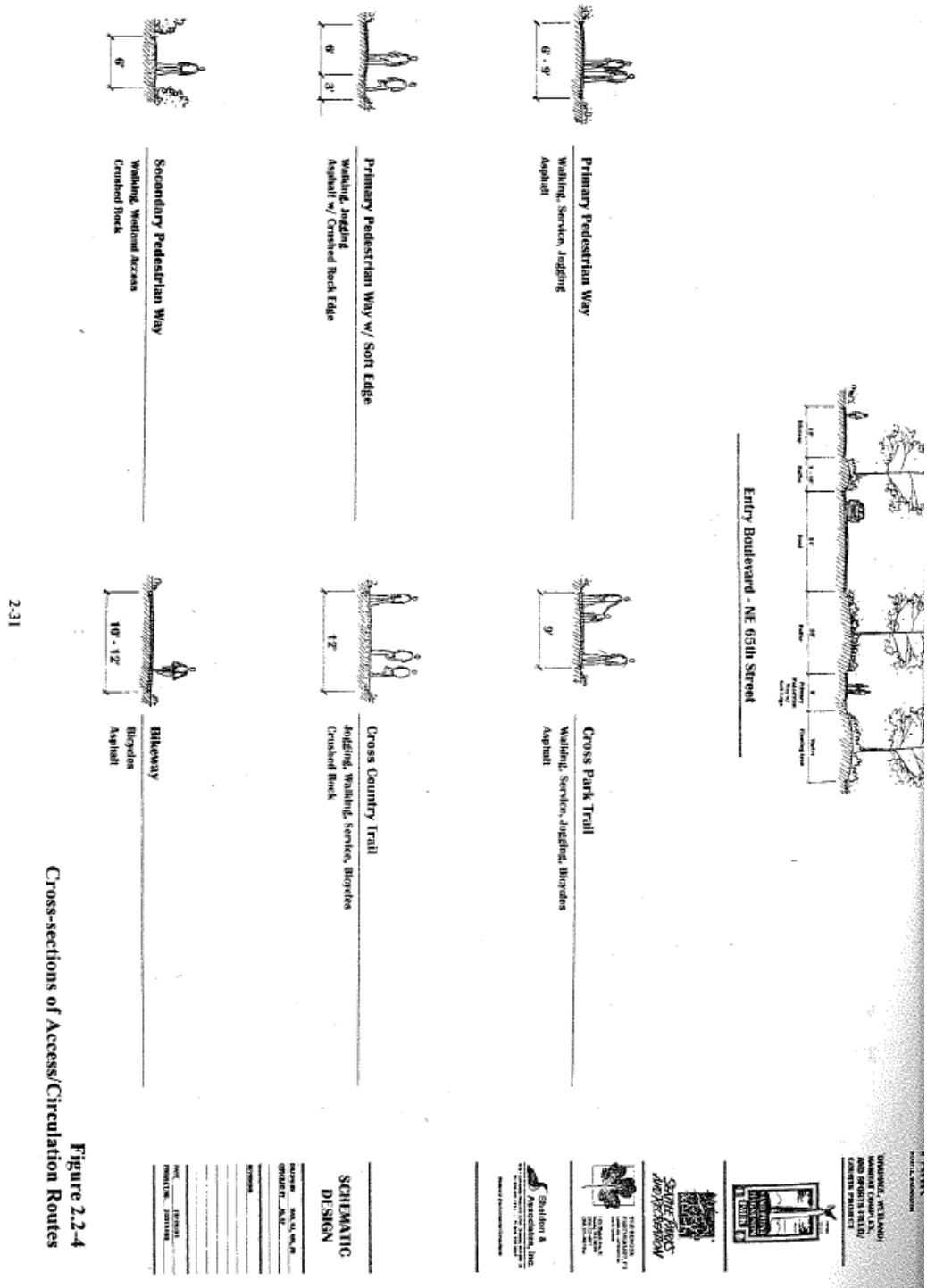


Figure 2.2-4
Cross-sections of Access/Circulation Routes

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4. More Meeting Discussions continues,

- The further development of the wetland "finger" extending to the West was reviewed and both the current layout and character, as well as the resulting changes to the full master plan were supported by the PAT.
- The reorientation of the little league field orientation to reduce wetland impact and allow more created wetland was Supported by the full PAT.
- The shifting of the two little league fields to the north by approximately 30 feet, again to preserve and expand wetland, was supported by the PAT
- The development of the promontory ponds wetlands was reviewed, including the limits of open water, emergent areas, and areas of capillary fringe. The routing of the

trail and interpretive opportunities was also reviewed. The development was fully supported by the PAT

- There was some discussion of parking impacts of the adjacent to the reek center impaction parking at Santos Place, and questioning if the problem would worsen with the fields. Guy noted that the parking in the master plan would be a clear addition to the parking that is there now, so hopefully that would not be the case. It was noted that it is more of a park wide issue and Jon is to forward that issue to Charles Ng.
- A synopsis of the current budget was distributed to update PAT members on the status of funding and expenses.
- Budget limitations of the project were discussed, recognizing that available funds may ultimately limit how much of the phase 2 design would be implemented, particularly given the aggressive cost escalation of the last year (10-15%). Some budget discussions were focused on what could be cut from the fields if needed, and Guy noted, changing a field from synthetic to natural grass was one potential way to generate a lot of savings. Asked if it would be easy to later install synthetic, Jon and Guy noted no, that the field would have to be removed to -12" and re-built. Warren felt strongly that before such a decision is made, there should be every effort made with sports groups to generate additional dollars.

5. Wrap up: Good questions insight and input, and we are pleased you are supportive of the evolution of the design. We will be moving aggressively forward with the development of permit drawings based on the scheme you reviewed last night.

6. Items for Next Meeting: October 18, 2005

Additional Information is Available:

- <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/spmpFields.htm>
- <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/SPMPWetlands.htm>
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